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**TO:** Michael DeSanctis

**DATE:** April 17, 2001

**SUBJECT:** International Preliminary Examination Report  
EBAY, INC.  
03801.P001PCT  
INFORMATION PRESENTATION AND MANAGEMENT IN AN ONLINE TRADING  
ENVIRONMENT  
99/18510

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Attached is a copy of the IPER for your review in the above-identified application.

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Applicant  
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**NO DOCKETING REQUIRED**  
**Docketing Mgr.**

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.
4. **REMINDER**

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Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

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### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant <b>EBAY, INC.</b>		

<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>0</u> sheets.</p> <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</li> <li>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</li> <li>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability</li> <li>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</li> <li>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</li> <li>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</li> <li>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</li> <li>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</li> </ul>
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Date of submission of the demand  <b>12 MAY 2000</b>	Date of completion of this report  <b>15 MARCH 2001</b>
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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US99/18510

## I. Basis of the report

### 1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

☒ the international application as originally filed

☒ the description:

pages 1-17

pages NONE, as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demand

pages NONE, filed with the letter of

☒ the claims:

pages 18-21

pages NONE, as originally filed

pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages NONE, filed with the demand

pages NONE, filed with the letter of

☒ the drawings:

pages 1-12

pages NONE, as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demand

pages NONE, filed with the letter of

☒ the sequence listing part of the

description: NONE

pages NONE, as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demand

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### 2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

### 3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international

☐ contained in the international application in printed form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

### 4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☒ the description, pages: NONE

☒ the claims, Nos.: NONE

☒ the drawings, sheets/fig: NONE

### 5. ☐ This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\*Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. statement**

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-17 YESClaims NONE NO

Inventive Step (IS)

Claims NONE YESClaims 1-17 NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)

Claims 1-17 YESClaims NONE NO**2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**

1. Claims 1-17 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Sheridan.

Sheridan discloses a method of distributing images over the Internet comprising:

- a) harvesting images of different formats from a plurality of sites based on user-supplied information (see col 4, lines 42-47, col 9, lines 54-57, col 11, lines 23-36),  
b) creating thumbnail images corresponding to the harvested images (see col 5, lines 35-41),  
c) combining thumbnail images onto a page for presentation at a remote site (see col 5, lines 19-35).

Sheridan does not teach compiling the thumbnail images onto a web page. The use of web pages for allowing access of information over the Internet is well-known in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to compiling and indexing one or more set of thumbnail images onto a web page for presentation at a remote site because it would have enabled a remote user to access the selected images using a conventional web browser.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

US 5,760,917 A (SHERIDAN) 02 June 1998, see cols 1-10.

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**Supplemental Box**

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

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